AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

This paragraph will replace paragraph [0011] of the application as published, which is the first full paragraph on page 5 of the application as filed:

The invention addresses these and other problems associated with the prior art by providing [[a]] an apparatus, program product and method for efficiently and reliably mirroring data of a primary system to a backup system. In one respect, processes consistent with the invention provide a hybrid approach that enjoys benefits of both the fast processing of asynchronous mirroring and the data integrity of synchronous mirroring. More particularly, a number of update requests are organized into groups at both the primary and backup systems. The respective groups are processed synchronously to preserve sequential ordering. The updates of each group, however, are processed concurrently, or substantially at the same time and without regard to order. This allows improved processing times with regard to the requests of each group.

This paragraph will replace paragraph [0052] of the application as published, which is the third full paragraph on page 15 of the application as filed:

~~Should alternatively a be in group~~ Alternatively, should a group be in progress at block 104, it is determined whether the group number of the request is the same as the group number stored within the memory 46 of the backup node 14 at block 116. If the group numbers are the same at block 116, then the count of the update is incremented at block 118. Again, the new count indicates how many uncompleted updates are in the current group, to include the new request.